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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 2108

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

DEPT PASS OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, OAU, SA  
SUBJECT: MAJOR SAUDI ARABIAN CONTRIBUTION TO OAU IN SUPPORT OF  
LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

REF: (A) ADDIS ABABA 1710 (NOTAL); (B) ADDIS ABABA 1775  
(NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY RECIEVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM SAUDI ARABIAN  
EMBASSY DATED MAY 5, 1978 ANNOUNCING PRESENTATION BY  
RESIDENT CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES OF 2 MILLION US DOLLARS TO  
ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) ADMIN SEC GEN WILLIAM  
ETEKI MBOUMOUA ON BEHALF OF HIS MAJESTY'S KINGDOM OF  
SAUDI ARABIA "TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN  
AFRICA WHICH ANNOUNCED DURING THE TOP CONFERENCE OF AFRO-  
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ARAB COOPERATION." NOTE WAS ADDRESSED TO ETHIOPIAN FOR-  
EIGN MINISTRY AND ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS  
AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA.  
PRESENTATION HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN ETHIOPIAN  
MEDIA.

2. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY SAUDI CONTRIBUTION IS FOR OAU

AFRICA LIBERATION COMMITTEE (ALC), WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS TO SOUTHERN AFRICA LIBERATION GROUPS, AND FOR ASSISTANCE TO FRONT LINE STATES THROUGH COMMITTEE OF TEN. IT IS SOMEWHAT UNUSUAL THAT MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO OAU HAS NOT APPEARED IN ETHIOPIAN MEDIA, WHICH NORMALLY HAS GOOD COVERAGE OF OAU AFFAIRS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BECAUSE SAUDI CONTRIBUTION DIRECTLY CONTRADICTS ETHIOPIAN PROPAGANDA AGAINST "REACTIONARY ARAB REGIMES," INCLUDING SAUDI ARABIA, SAUDI ASSISTANCE TO "LIBERATION" OF AFRICA WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY ATTENTION IN ADDIS. TWO MILLION DOLLARS REPRESENT 50 PERCENT OF ALC BUDGET APPROVED IN TRIPOLI IN FEBRUARY AND IS PROBABLY SINGLE LARGEST CONTRIBUTION BY EITHER OAU MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER STATE. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH "GRATITUDE" WITHIN OAU AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES SAUDIS WILL GAIN.  
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